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## GREEN TEAM COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 10, 2008  
10:30 A.M.

Manistee County Courthouse & Government Center  
Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

### MINUTES

Members Present: Allan O'Shea, Chairperson; Carl Rutske; Glenn Lottie

Others Present: Thomas Kaminski, County Controller/Administrator; Jeff Sullivan, Medical Care Facility Purchasing Supervisor; Ken Falk, Emergency Management Coordinator; Chuck Haemker, Library Executive Director; Dan Shepard, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians; Bruce Schimke, Maintenance Director; Susan Silvis & Charlie Heiler, Nichols; and Rachel Nelson, Administrative Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 A.M.

### ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Mr. O'Shea noted that the Energy Fair was a huge success, and since Manistee County is a partner in holding the Energy Fair, it would be nice if the County showed their appreciation to the volunteers. After discussion,

**The Green Team Committee recommended that Manistee County send a letter and certificate of appreciation to the 2008 Michigan Energy Fair volunteers, and that the volunteers be invited to the August Manistee County Board of Commissioners meeting to be formally recognized. No alternative recommendation was proposed.**

### ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Ms. Silvis and Mr. Heiler of Nichols were at the meeting to discuss the "green" services that they offer in addition to products. Nichols offers paper and janitorial supplies, many of which are currently used by the County Maintenance Department. Nichols is trying to help educate people and they will also help train custodial staff in green cleaning. Ms. Silvis showed a PowerPoint presentation, and after an educational introduction, showed the top ten ways to contribute to green cleaning, which are: work from a written plan, use and maintain entry way systems, manage chemical storage areas, use dispensing equipment, use environmentally preferable products, use environmentally preferable

supplies, use quality cleaning equipment, ventilate during and after cleaning, practice integrated pest management, and practice stewardship and shared responsibility. Mr. Heiler added that the green cleaning products aren't more expensive, and that they have become more competitive and effective. Mr. Schimke noted that he attended a green cleaning seminar recently that was put on by Nichols, and that it was very informative. Mr. O'Shea would like to look at different educational options with Nichols in the fall, including a presentation at the fall Summit, a presentation to the County employees, and educational programs through the Library.

Drop-off sites for printer cartridges and batteries were discussed. Mr. Haemker stated that the Library used to accept batteries, but they ran out of room to keep them until they could be properly disposed of. Mr. Sullivan noted that he was going to check with Radio Shack to see what kind of program they offer. Currently, used printer cartridges at the Courthouse are stored in the mail room, and occasionally employees take them to local recycling programs hosted by the schools, etc.

Ms. Nelson noted that the Courthouse & Government Center is eligible for the Energy Star Label. A certified professional engineer needs to inspect the building, and the County Controller/Administrator's Office is expecting a proposal from a company in Grand Rapids.

It was noted that the Water Withdraw Legislation was signed by Governor Granholm yesterday.

Mr. Lottie informed the Committee that the Ramsdell Theater is looking into geothermal heating and cooling.

Mr. O'Shea stated that a decision will be made within a few weeks about whether or not a wind manufacturing company will be coming to Manistee County. He also noted that a wind developer from the Citizens Energy Corporation in Boston had been in the County the past few days. Mr. O'Shea feels that it's important to bring greener companies into Manistee County and create jobs.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 P.M.

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Allan O'Shea, Chairperson

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Glenn Lottie, Commissioner

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Carl Rutske, Commissioner